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Loving their roundabout!

By David Cederstrom
Chronicle Staff Writer

"I've never gotten so many positive comments about anything" as about the new roundabout at the intersection of Aviation Road, Dixon Road and Farr Lane, enthused Queensbury town supervisor John Strough, at the ribbon-cutting celebration on Friday, Oct. 10.

Opened earlier this year, the roundabout "is a much more functional intersection, and it is a safer intersection for cars, walkers and bicyclists," Mr. Strough said.

The project cost of \$1.67-mil-



At Aviation Road, looking east, The Town of Queensbury's new, \$1.67-million roundabout. Chronicle photo/David Cederstrom

lion was split 80% federal, 15% state and 5% town. The work included sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting and landscaping.

Mr. Strough said that back in 2003, when he was campaigning door-to-door for the Ward 3 town council seat, he heard complaints "over and over" about the

intersection in its previous form.

Since then, he said, a series of studies, meetings, petitions and public hearings determined that a roundabout was the preferred alternative. The Adirondack-Glens Falls Transportation Council, the town, residents and

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Mayor: Hard to turn down \$800,000 cash, but cites issues

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

Glens Falls Mayor Jack Diamond said "understanding the City's finances the way I do, it would be very, very difficult to leave \$800,000 on the table," if Kevin McCloskey's

Adirondack Sports and Entertainment shows they have the money to fulfill their bid to buy the Civic Center.

But Mayor Diamond said he has been talking to Mr. McCloskey since March, "and seven months later we haven't seen the money yet. This is his third money man, not including when he reportedly asked local entrepreneurs for money.

"Are we asking tough questions? Yes, we are, because we want to be confident that we are making the right decision for the taxpayers of the City of Glens Falls."

The Chronicle approached Mr. McCloskey for comment. He said, "Without having heard the comment directly, I don't think it would be prudent to comment on

Civic Center 'fire sale' nears end

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The short sad life of Scorch: Gordon calls it all silly, overblown

Chronicle News Editor Gordon Woodworth writes: Bowing to

a negative initial reaction on some social media sites to the unveiling of its flame-like mascot Scorch, the Adirondack Flames apologized and then announced on Tuesday they have doused Scorch's flame permanently and will invent a new mascot.

"We just needed to do it in light of the circumstances," Flames president Brian

Petrovek said. "Mistakes were made. It's time to move on."

He said they are "working on a couple of variations on the theme" and will unveil the new mascot "as soon as we can. I'd love to get it out soon, but we

want to do it carefully, obviously."

When the Flames unveiled Scorch on Oct. 9, they created a would-be back-story that he was the last living ember of the fire of 1864 that destroyed much of Glens Falls. In a 15-second skit, Scorch emerged from behind the historic black-

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First Presbyterian Church's four vintage Steinway pianos will be featured in concert on Oct. 19. ▶ 24

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